

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST NAMED INVENTOR : Harish R. Devanagondi **Confirmation No.: 7012**  
FOR : MULTI-SLICE NETWORK PROCESSOR  
APPLICATION NO. : 10/612,889  
FILING DATE : July 3, 2003  
EXAMINER : Jianye Wu  
ART UNIT : 2616  
**CUSTOMER NO. : 23380**

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The Office Action in the above-identified application was dated April 2, 2008. The three month period for responding to the Office Action expires on July 2, 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

In response to the Office action dated April 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 4** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on **page 12** of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 13** of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached **following page 15** of this paper.